alleged to have participated in the incident. The security forces have already strengthened the security arrangements in the Sikh inhabited villages in the valley by *inter alia* providing security pickets. It has also been decided to set up village defence committees in such villages, where sufficient volunteers are available.

(e) *Ex-gratia* payment to the next of kin of civilians killed due to terrorist related violence is made by the State Government on the basis of fixed norms.

**ISI Activities in Samjhauta Express**

2802. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Samjhauta Express between India and Pakistan has become ISI's new vehicle for pumping counterfeit notes, drugs and even explosives in small quantities into India;

(b) if so, the number of persons so far arrested from the train and the quantity of explosives, drugs and counterfeit notes seized from them; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check such activities in the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) Instances of misuse of Samjhauta Express by smugglers and repeater passengers for clandestine induction of contraband, fake Indian currency notes, drugs, weapons etc. into India have came to notice.

(b) Details may kindly be seen at the statement (*See* below)

(c) It has been decided by the Government to take additional measures to curb smuggling of contraband from this train. These measures include 100% manual checking of baggage enforcing baggage restriction augmenting the security set-up, sanitising of platforms and dispensing with the services of coolies and strengthening of vigilance mechanisms to prevent corruption amongst the staff deployed at Attari Railway Station. As part of an over-all plan, it is also proposed that Bureau of Immigration will take over the Immigration and Registration functions at Attari Railway Station. This will help in checking the activities of anti-national elements from across the border as the personnel of Bureau of Immigration are better trained and equipped for such functions.

**STATEMENT**

*Abstract of Seizures made from Samjhauta Express (1998-2000)*

| | SEIZURES | | | | | ARRESTS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Weapons | Drugs | Fake Indian Currency (Face value) | Gold | Other Items | Pakistanis | Indians | Afghans |
| 1998 | 2 Revolvers, 6 Pistols 10 Magazines 63 Rounds (3 cases) | 14 Kg. Heroin (2 cases) | Rs. 2800 (1 case) | | | 1 | 2 | |
| 1999 | 1 Pistol (1 case) | 4 Kg. Heroin (2 cases) | Rs. 80,400 (5 cases) | | | 6 | 1 | |
| 2000 | 2 Pistols (1 case) | | Rs. 21,48,700 (9 cases) | 1 Biscuit | 30 Kg. dry fruits, some medicines, and Rs. 68,700 Indian currency (1 case) | 6 | 11 (6 cases) | 2 |